Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 21.-The Spout Spring home demonstration club met last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. T. B. Collins. The club held its annual Christmas party, and an afternoon of fun was enjoyed by all.

Billy Martin, who has been sick is improving.

Jesse G. Millner, Jr., is a patient at a hospital in Lynchburg.

Mrs. J. C. Cullop and Miss Mamie Cullop, who have been sick, are improving.

Miss Hazel Moon and Miss Emma Johnston, of Stuart Circle Hospital, Richmond will arrive here this week to spend the holidays with their parents.

Marvin Martin, of Newport News is visiting his mother, Mrs. Drucie Martin.

J. A. Martin and children, who have been sick, are improving.

William Moon, of Emory University, Georgia, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Jerry Martin, who has been sick, is better.

Miss Erna Dickerson, of Crewe, Va. and Miss Nancy Dickerson, of Farmville S. T. C., are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mott Cyrus had the misfortune last week to mash his foot.

Edell Martin, who has been sick with flu, is better.

"Becky" Reynolds, who has pneumonia, is improving.

Mrs. Bertha Layne spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hardy, of Danville, Va. recently.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Spout Spring Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Miss Cornelia Reynolds last Friday night.

Government of Bolivia is overthrown.

Rail strike threatened.

Russians gain back ground in big winter offensive.

Subscription rate: $1.50 a year, payable in advance.

Appomattox Lions to give a free movie at Lee Theatre for children Friday at 3:30.

Yuletide draws people closer together, helps us all towards quiet friendliness and group enjoyment of days like Christmas.

A most proper time for us to express our sincere appreciation for your friendship, and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joy.

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Who can estimate the value of good will, that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously mentioned in that first glorious Christmas message? Be assured that we highly appreciate your good will. It has been and will continue to be our most treasured asset.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

C. S. Jenkins

Mother Nature Is a Good Assistant In Planning Christmas Decorations

IF YOU live in the country, you are unusually lucky, because you have close at hand the means for making your house lovelier than ever this Christmas. And even if you don't, you can make the most of the greens, the fruits and the flowers you can get.

Fruit on a plate, surrounded with sprays of evergreen or holly, makes a colorful centerpiece that's really "good enough to eat." A simple suggestion, that, but the trick lies in making a thoughtful arrangement to suit your own table.

And taffy apples make grand place cards. To the stick in each, tie a sprig of green with a colored ribbon, a different color for each guest. Let your guests draw duplicate pieces of ribbon and find their places that way. It's fun, and it will save you the grief of deciding whether to seat Aunt Bessie next to Grandma or opposite Uncle Pete.

To a stick (a yardstick will do) tie clusters of pine cones. Lay the stick on your mantel so that the cones hang over the edge.

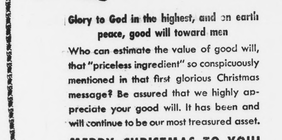
Cover the whole with sprays of evergreen. Add candles if you like.

Tie wreaths of evergreen or holly to your front door and hang them in your windows. Tie evergreen to the base of your candlesticks. Fasten it to your Christmas presents. Wear it in your hair. Don't be afraid to use it where you like to give your home a friendly appearance.

Evergreen or holly corsages make excellent party favors, and you can make them in a twinkling by tying the sprigs together with ribbon. You can wire them for added security, but it really isn't necessary. Use them for place cards, too.

And if you didn't do it this year, be sure next fall to grow your own Christmas flowers for decorations and for gifts—especially to shut-ins in friends. A few cents' worth of narcissus bulbs will provide you with many weeks' pleasure.

Half the fun of Christmas is in getting ready for it. Most of the other half is in doing it yourself. Let nature help you!



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LUTHER D. JAMERSON

Luther D. Jamerson, 59, died at his home in Lynchburg Tuesday, after an extended illness. He was born in Appomattox County August 19, 1884, the son of the late Monroe Walker Jamerson and Mrs. Martha Ann Hubbard Jamerson. Funeral services were conducted in Lynchburg.

Stores and business places here will be closed Christmas day.

General Marshall has recently visited the Southwest Pacific area.

President Roosevelt says a way should be found to let the soldiers vote next year.

Renew your subscription.

The approaching holiday season makes us appreciate more than ever before the priceless value of our friends and customers, like yourself. It reminds us, too, of the sacrifices being made by many of our friends now in the service of Uncle Sam. To you, and to all these, go our thanks for your patronage in 1943, and our wishes for a joyous holiday.

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GOD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year.

At this holiday time, as in the past, we are mindful of our indebtedness to you for your generous patronage, and pledge once more our determination to be still more deserving of your friendship.

J. C. Hudgins

Season's Greetings...

If we have our way about it St. Nicholas is going to make an extra long stop at your home. No one needs to point out to us what your loyalty has meant to us during 1943. All we can say is Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

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How to Make Your Own Christmas Wreaths

If you like to make your own decorations you will be interested in the way a Massachusetts man makes his.

"I have some wire hoops that I've saved for several years which form the frame for the wreath. I get a supply of laurel leaves or princess pine, or some other kind of evergreen; take a ball of heavy string and start to work. The string, of course, is to tie the sprigs of leaves or pine to the hoop. I just keep wrapping round and round the hoop, adding leaves all the time, until the entire hoop is filled with greenery. Near the end of the job I work in a few extra doodads to add a little variety. For instance, pine cones, partridge berries, sprays of juniper all add color and novelty to a wreath and make it just a little nicer looking than it would be if you left it plain. If I want to use real fancy, I take a little silver or gilt paint and paint up some small cones for the wreaths.

"Some folks like to fix up Christmas wreaths with candles in the center, but when I want to have a light in the center of a wreath, I hitch up a little electric light. That I know there's no danger of anything catching on fire."

Solving the Great Problem

"I'm no' sending any Christmas or New Year gifties tae the relations this Christmas," said the artful Andrew.

"But why not?" asked his friend. "Surely they'll be expecting something."

Andrew shook his head. "No, I've seen to that," he replied. "They'll no' be expecting anything. I wrote an' told them I was suffering from loss of memory—an' to make sure they'd believe it I forgot tae pit ony stamps on the letters."

'God Rest You Merrie'

Exception is taken to the accustomed punctuation of a familiar Christmas carol by a correspondent. He says:

"Why do not people get the original meaning to the Christmas carol, 'God Rest You Merrie, Gentlemen'? In the time when this carol was composed, to be 'merrie' meant a wholesome state of mind, which was 'wished' by the carolers on all people, 'gentlemen.'"

Cooperation

Complete co-operation is very much in evidence as a WAVE and sailor work together in decorating a Christmas tree. The feminine touch is guaranteed to improve on the appearance of the finished product.

Forgotten Herb

Rosemary with its aromatic lavender flowers, after a Christmas association of many centuries, fell into disuse during Victorian days. Its traditional coupling with the Holy Family is as long and imaginative. The swaddling dress of the Infant was hung to dry on the rosemary, imparting a sweet scent to the hitherto odorless flower.

REINDEER GOOD MEAT

Reindeer are hard to get, even in normal times. But it's good to think that they make sizzling, brown roasts.

Reindeer meat has a flavor of its own, but it tastes a lot like beef or veal.

Usually, the round is preferred for roasting or steaks. The lower end of the round, being less tender, can serve as a pot roast. Being thinner than beef, the loin and rib cuts make satisfactory small steaks. These cuts also may be used as chops.

Double loin may be prepared either boned or unboned and then roasted as a saddle. The shoulder also makes a fine roast.

The big problem, of course, is getting the reindeer.

Make the Most of Your Cards— Here Are Some Possibilities

DO YOU have a hankering to make your home bright for the holidays? Then gather up the Christmas cards you've been finding in your mail box these December mornings, for those colorful bits of "Season's Greetings" have no end of Christmas decor possibilities.

Especially during the holidays, "home is where the hearth is." So here are some suggestions for "dressing up" your fireplace in an eye-catching mantle of Christmas cards. In less time than it takes to read this, you can line up your Christmas cards, in not too precise rows, or hang them in festoons from the mantel, as illustrated above.

This simple trick could just as successfully be applied to the top of your bookcase, or to a tiered table.

But if you're looking for the ingenious, here are some other ideas. Is it a touch of patriotism that you want to add to your Christmas scene? With the assistance of some scotch tape you can easily arrange your Christmas cards in a "V" formation over your fireplace. Or perhaps you feel in the old-fashioned and traditional mood. Then attach wide red or green ribbons (or both) festoon fashion around the mantel and secure the cards to the ribbon with paper clips. Or frame your fireplace by pasting Christmas cards in a scattered design.

Why not try decorating your spruce or pine with Christmas cards? (See the sketch in the upper left hand corner.) You'll find this novel idea quite as gay as the usual adornments, and twice as refreshing!

Incidentally, should the thoughtful people who sent you the cards stop in for a holiday visit, you'll be pleasantly surprised to see how flattered they'll be at finding their remembrances so charmingly displayed.

If you're really a conscientious conserver, here's another item to add to your list. Have you always hesitated to destroy your Christmas cards because of sentimentality or the obvious beauty of the cards? Then you should be pleased to hear that there are any number of different uses to which they can be put—from adding a decorator's touch to an old wastepaper basket to making place cards for a kiddie party. Here are some suggestions for enlisting your holiday greetings in a good cause.

Why not have your club pool their receipt of Christmas cards? Delightful scrapbooks could be made for the children of servicemen in your neighborhood. Or send the cards to the children's wards in hospitals. The young patients enjoy handling the colorful cards, and making their own scrapbooks helps them pass the weary hours swiftly.

Army and navy hospitals look forward to receiving tray favors made from used Christmas cards. And the servicemen appreciate the thought behind the token.

If your club is planning to participate in a war-relief bazaar, irexpensive and distinctive novelties can be made from Christmas cards. Baskends, vases, bookmarks, hand blotters, match books can all look quite impressive by the simple addition of a design cut out of Christmas cards.

Forest View

Forest View, Dec. 22.—We are having some extreme cold weather, thermometer running at 4 above.

Hog killing is over in this vicinity, and wood is being hauled in for the winter.

Some tobacco has been sold with very satisfactory prices considering the grade.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Marshall visited the latter's aunt, Miss Sis. Caldwell in Lynchburg, who has been in the hospital several weeks. The reported her condition better.

We are sorry to hear that Jame Caldwell is not very well.

A. D. Marshall and his motor Mrs. N. D. Marshall spent the da in Lynchburg recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin visited in the home of Mr and Mrs. W. C. Lee recently.

Lacy Mayberry shot a big fox few days ago, and as he starte home with it saw another in his path in the woods.

There will be a Christmas Tree at the Pentecostal Holiness Church next Friday night.

There will also be a B. Y. P. U. program at Central Baptist Church Saturday evening at 7:30.

Lacy Mayberry and family are moving to Lloyd Lewis' for another year.

We wish all the Readers of The Times-Virginian and especially the Editor and his Wife a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MR. CALLIE LEWIS TOLLEY

Funeral services for Mr. Callie Lewis Tolley were conducted Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at Piney Ridge Church, by the Rev. J. A. J. Andrews, pastor.

Mr. Tolley was 79 years of age, and surviving him are his wife, Ola K. Tolley, and the following daughters, Mrs. W. R. Price, of Pamplin, Mrs. Walker Williams, of Lynchburg, and the following sons, Henry, Robert, Willie, Clarence and Johnnie, of Pamplin, and George, of Roanoke.

Active pallbearers were: Bob Davis, Clayton Beale, Alvan Layne, Jim Richardson, Joe Cobbs and Jesse Collins. Flower bearers were W. R. Price, Watt Abbitt, George Abbitt, H. A. Williams, Joe Beldwin, Sherman Bushey and Clarence Ramsey.

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